

opening and developing the resources of the country; but they are sadly deficient in the means of ingress and egress consequent upon the obstruction in the said line of road.

Sec. 2. Your memorialists would further represent that said road runs through a large portion of the public domain not yet subject to private entry, the effect of which is that the lands are being settled upon by *bona fide* pre-emptors, and with the kind fostering aid of the General Government to open said road, an increasing stream of emigration would set in that would confer a lasting kindness on those hardy pioneers, and at the same time fully realize the benevolent intentions of the framers of the pre-emption law.

Sec. 3. Your memorialists would further represent that said road is in a direct line from St. Paul to the St. Louis Bay, on Lake Superior, fifty-four miles, where it intersects the Military Road from Point Douglas; that said road is the only direct route to Superior, and the easiest of construction.

Sec. 4. And in furtherance of the objects of this memorial your memorialists would respectfully urge upon your honorable body to appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the construction of said road, it being the most direct mail line running north of St. Paul, connecting with the Point Douglas and St. Louis River Road to Superior in Wisconsin. And as in duty bound your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

J. W. FURBER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—February twenty-sixth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

W. A. GORMAN.

I certify the above to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

J. J. McCULLOUGH,
Acting Secretary.

NUMBER IV.

Memorial to Congress for the establishment of certain Mail Routes.

*To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States in Congress Assembled:*

The memorial of the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota respectfully represents, that the portion of this Territory lying

between the Zombro and White Water Rivers, commonly known as Greenwood Prairie and White Valley, although having a large and rapidly increasing population, is entirely destitute of mail service.

Your memorialists would therefore respectfully but urgently ask that the following Mail Routes be established, and semi-weekly mails be transported over each, viz:—from Minneiska via Beaver Dam and Greenville to Oronoco; also from West Newton via Greenville and Elgin to Rochester; also from Red Wing via Mazeppa to Oronoco; and your memorialists verily believe that the establishment of said mail routes would be an act of justice to the inhabitants of that portion of the Territory, and very soon a source of revenue to the Department; and as in duty bound your memorialists will ever pray.

J. W. FURBER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN B. BRISBIN,
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NUMBER V.

A Memorial to Congress for a Military Road from Pigeon River to Fon du Lac and Fort Ripley.

To the Honorable the Senate, and House of Representatives, of the United States in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists respectfully represent that the interests of the public would be materially advanced by the construction of a Road from Pigeon River, along the shore of Lake Superior, to Fon du Lac, and from thence by the most direct route to Fort Ripley, on the Mississippi River.

Your memorialists therefore, respectfully recommend, that your Honorable body will at an early day, make an appropriation for the construction of said road.

J. W. FURBER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN B. BRISBIN,
President of the Council.